AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 10, last paragraph (continues onto page 11) with the following:

The ca 220 bp fragment thus obtained was excised from the gel and purified using a DNA extraction kit (Sephaglas™ BrandPrep Kit, Amersham Pharmacia Biotech). Then, using a PCR product direct cloning kit (pT7BlueT-Vector Kit, NOVAGEN), the DNA was cloned into the *E. coli* expression vector to give pT7-SaDPS. Then, using a DNA sequencer (Model 377, Perkin-Elmer) and a DNA sequencing kit (Perkin-Elmer; ABI PRISM™ BigDye™ Terminator Cycle Sequence Ready Reaction Kit with AmptiTaq™ DNA Polymerase, FS), DNA sequencing was carried out according to the kit manufacturer's protocol. As a result, there was obtained a sequence corresponding to the nucleotides 717 through 924 of SEQ ID NO:1. The translation sequence thus obtained contained ~~"GDFLLGRA"~~ the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9, which is a characteristic region of polyprenyl diphosphate synthases and, therefore, was considered to be part of the decaprenyl diphosphate synthase gene.

Sequence listing:

Please amend the sequence listing as shown on the attached.